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re: For the Record in the Public Comments to the
Environmental Impact Statement concerning a nuclear
repository at Yucca Mtn.

Dear Ms Dixon;

There have been many comments to this draft. I will only
add three of the most troublesome impacts as I see it now.

- 1... 1. Those who made the study seem to have little
understanding of the road systems which are proposed. We
are one of the most traveled to parts of the U.S. with
Death Valley National Park at our doorstep, Las Vegas just
the other side and heavily trafficked tourist routes to the
Sierra Nevadas, to Zion, Bryce, Yosemite and the Grand
Canyon National Parks within a few hours drive. Our roads
are narrow, 2 lane, weaving in and out of mountain passes
and through small villages. Our tourists are often "snow
birds", retired people, pulling their vacation trailers,
driving their large r.v.s and foreigners in rented cars
not accustomed to the local driving rules, signs and road
conditions. Many crosses dot the sides of roads; those who
took turns too fast or drove into the soft shoulders and
overturned.

From nearby Las Vegas come many seeking the quiet and space
of the desert, to hike, ride in the Dunes etc.

We also have at present large semis carrying toxic and low
level nuclear wastes to Beatty's U.S. Ecology and to the
Nevada Test Site. It's an accident waiting to happen. We
hold our breath and are desperately working on controlling
this present situation, working on bringing our emergency
crews up to a level of training and equipment to handle
very possible emergencies.

I suggest it would be folly and grossly irresponsible to
use the routes proposed for transporting nuclear wastes to

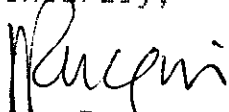
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1 cont. Yucca Mountain.

- 2 2. According to the reports I have heard and read, the draft suggests possible levels of radiation after a period of time. Contamination which will eventually reach our water table whose source is beneath the Yucca Mountain. I would suggest again it is irresponsible to leave our habitat to future generations with such ominous predictions,
- 3 3. Our present economic vitality based largely on tourism and on being a place in nature for city populations will suffer even now should our roads and water present potential hazards to life as we know it.

Thank you for your attention. May we arrive at more responsible alternatives.

Sincerely,



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